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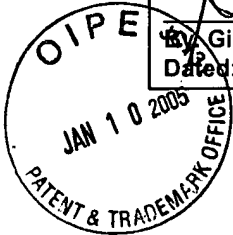
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Examiner : JOHN J. WILSON
Art Unit : 3732

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby request, under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a two (2) month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Official Action dated August 11, 2004; that is, up to and including January 11, 2005. A check in the amount of, \$225, is enclosed to cover the official fee, as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(2), reduced by half for applicant's

small entity status.

The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 14-1431 for any additional fees which may be due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17.

In response to the Official Action dated August 11, 2004, please amend the above-identified application, as follows: